Abolition of posts in Central Government departments

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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided or are considering to abolish temporary posts and reduction in permanent posts in the departments of the Central Government;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what would be achieved by Government with this decision when on the one hand unlimited Government extravagance is increasing and on the other the unemployment is increasing?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) and (b) As an ongoing austerity measure, the Government has taken a decision to abolish 10% sanctioned posts as on 1.1.92 in all the Ministries/Departments. A review of temporary posts has also been taken up.

(c) The Government is making every effort to contain expenditure and in this regard have issued economy instructions from time to time to all the Ministries/Departments, which include restriction on the creation of new posts, review of vacant posts before they are filled up, reduction in office expenses, restrictions on purchase of vehicles, restrictions on foreign travel and on entertainment/hospitality expenses etc.

The action of the Government may not have any impact on unemployment, as further avenues of employment are continuously opening up on account of growth of the economy.

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